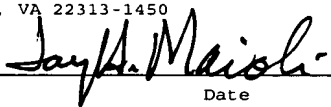


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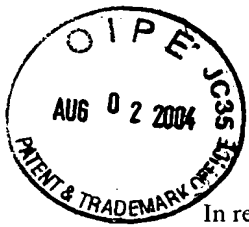
Sir:

Prior to the initial examination of the above-identified application, Applicant respectfully requests that the application be amended as follows.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 2 of this Amendment.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this Amendment.

The Remarks portion begins on page 10 of this Amendment.



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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ No fee is required.
- ☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below.
- ☐ Total claims in excess of 20 previously paid for, at \$18 (\$9) ____.
- ☐ Independent claims in excess of 3 previously paid for, at \$86 (\$43) ____.
- ☐ Additional Fee for this Amendment ____.
- ☐ This response is being filed within the ____ first month, ____ second month, ____ third month, ____ fourth month, ____ fifth month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor. Applicants Petition for an extension, and the fee of ____ \$110 (\$55), ____ \$420 (\$205), ____ \$950 (\$465), ____ \$1,450 (\$725), ____ \$1,970 (\$985) is due and paid herewith.
- ☐ The fee of \$ ____ set by 37 C.F.R § 1.17(p) for the Information Disclosure Statement is due and paid herewith.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$ ____ is attached.
- ☒ Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

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